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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--September 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Reportage and comment on West Bank developments continue to be broadcast with increasing frequency by Jordanian media. On 19 September, in its 30-minute weekly program entitled "With Our People in the Occupied Territory," Amman Television Service in Arabic broadcast the 20-minute "text" of a "political" poll conducted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The initial report on the poll was published in the 8 September Jerusalem Arabic paper AL-FAJR. The poll, which was prepared in association with the New York NEWSDAY magazine and the Australian Television Network, covered 1,024 residents and highlighted their situation, standard of living, and views on the Palestinian issue and its ramifications. Jordan Bureau filed the text of the poll from Amman Television, a comparison FYI from the official newspaper SAWT AL-SHA'B, and numerous Jordanian public and media reactions to the poll.

The bureau is also preparing weekly roundups of media treatment of West Bank developments for inclusion in the embassy's weekly wrap-up cable on West Bank contacts/developments.

2. At the request of the American Embassy in Sanaa, the bureau filed the four-take text of the 25 September address by YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the 26 September revolution, at immediate precedence.

B. Technical

1. Bureau involvement in the use of its IBM PC's is progressing apace, and will hopefully expand further with the receipt of additional equipment. In addition to the normal word-processing functions, the bureau is using the PC's for the monthly staff and non-staff personnel reports. We are also using bureau-designed programs to produce the monthly Telex bills for the embassy and to produce our non-expendable property inventory. This latter program was also used to produce the Annual Dollar Value report. We are in the final stages of producing the documentation for these programs.

2. Bureau plans to configure our Comscribe printers to use pin-feed, fan-fold paper took another step forward with the receipt of prom kits to make our printers produce a form feed upon receipt of the four 'N's' at the end of a message. This will enable us to receive traffic on our overnight unattended circuit directly on printers, as opposed to the current necessity of first punching tape for later printing.

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3. The bureau also received one Epson FX-85 printer, seven Comscribe triple font and five Comscribe single font printers. Thirteen Comscribe printers will be locally modified to provide external switching between 50_λ and 75_λ baud rates for coverage of various press agencies. Schematic of the modification is being pouched to FSB/FED.

C. Lateral Services

1. The Foreign Service Institute at Amembassy Tunis has been added as a local consumer for bureau Video Selection Lists. They are interested in current material for language training purposes.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Embassy has just announced that, resulting from the recent annual wage scale local survey, there will be no Embassy wage scale increase this year.

2. Former Gulf Bureau Chief Monitor [] transferred to Jordan Bureau, in absentia, effective 28 September. [] will fill the vacant monitor supervisor position. Bureau now is only one short of filling our new monitorial T/O of 15. We will not attempt to fill the remaining slot until our two new EOD monitors, [] are fully trained and all the new coverage assimilated.

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3. Senior Monitor [] received a PSI to FBN-10/4 on 28 September.

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4. Sons were born to commo operator [] on the 28th and to part-time contract technician [] on the 22d.

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III. VISITS

A. To the Bureau:

1. Deputy Chief, Operations Group [] 4-8 September.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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